Standing Committee

Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

Minutes

September 23, 2015

President, Christopher Moore, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Brad offered the opening prayer.

Present: The Rev. James Adams, The Rev. Lesley Adams, The Rev. Brad Benson, Ms. Jan Farnsworth, The Rev. Michael Hartney, Mr. Neil Houghton and Mr. Christopher Moore.

The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh was also present.

Absent: Ms. Lois Geiss.

The agenda was approved as emailed.

Brad moved, Neil seconded that the minutes of the September 10, 2015 be approved. Carried.

Jim moved, Lesley seconded that consent be given to the election of The Rev. Moises Quezda-Mota as Bishop of the Diocese of Dominican Republic. Carried.

The Standing Committee received a confidential report regarding a recent matter. Intake officer, The Rev. Lance Robbins, President of the Disciplinary Board, The Rev. Mary Ann Brody, Chancellor, Mr. Phil Fileri, and Bishop Singh were present for the report.

Michael moved, Brad seconded that the Standing Committee’s function as listed on the Diocesan Website be edited to read:

The Standing Committee has several functions.  It acts as the Bishop's Council of Advice (Article VII.2); approves actions that encumber real property/equipment of the church; approves indebtedness for current expenses in excess of 20% of the previous year’s receipts for current expenses; approves requests to elect bishops; approves the election of bishops; and, approves candidates for Holy Orders. It is composed of four lay and four clerical members. The Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence of a bishop.

Carried.

Chris will encourage the trustees to publish their June report.

Neil moved, Brad seconded that the June 17, 2015 minutes be revised. Carried. The revision is on the website.

Chris reminded the committee that a full day meeting would be held on October 17, 2015. The purpose of the meeting will be to begin working on “Behavior Covenants”.

The meeting was adjourned following closing prayer by Neil.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Farnsworth, Secretary